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MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Greeting from the Headmaster

Welcome to Montgomery Bell Academy!

To all new boys entering we want you to make this your school. Here you will learn its ideals and experience the values found in its honor system. You will have an opportunity to take part in all its activities, to support its athletic teams, and to become an integral part of all school functions. You will join the hundreds who have become the loyal sons of M.B.A.

M.B.A. is proud of its scholastic tradition and you will want your education to come first. To that end let me urge you to prepare your lessons thoroughly each day, associate with those who possess a scholarly attitude and a desire for an education, and do all possible to succeed in your studies. The teachers are here expressly to help you and are willing to expend every effort to give you the guidance and assistance you need. You will succeed in proportion to your personal application.

M.B.A. has many traditions. Perhaps the greatest is that of making true Southern gentlemen of its students. You will find the portrait of General Robert E. Lee in our front hall because he embodied all those wonderful traits of character which contribute to being a Southern gentleman.

A cordial invitation is extended to all boys to come to my office when I can help you in any way. I want to give you every assistance possible to help you realize your personal ambitions.

To the fine group of boys who attended M.B.A. last year I say "welcome back." We hope you will make this your best year. The success you have scholastically this year, particularly if you are a senior, may determine where you will go to college; therefore you should make every effort possible to do well in your classes.

Let's make this M.B.A.'s finest year!!!

R. L. SAGER

M.B.A. Calendar
Tuesday, Sept. 4
Registration
William Committed State Sept. 5
Half-day, starting 8:10
Thursday, Sept. 6
Regular schedule
Friday, Oct. 19
Holiday—teachers' meeting
Week-end, Nov. 22, 23
Thanksgiving holidays
Wednesday, Dec. 19
Christmas holidays begin 3:00
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Holidays end at 8:10 A.M.
Friday, Jan. 25
First semester ends
Monday, Jan. 25
Second semester begins
Week of March 25-30
Spring holidays
Saturday, June 1
A full week spring vacation in
the middle of the second semester

Commencement

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which will replace the Easter Holidays. There will be no Easter
holidays.

Schedule Adjusted

Classes begin ten minutes earlier this year in order to meet requirements established by the Department of Education as regards science laboratory periods. More students are now taking chemistry than ever before, necessitating four one-hour classes instead of the usual three. Because of this, school will begin at 8:10 each morning and will close at 3:00 in the afternoon.

NROTC Tests to

Be Given

The Department of Navy announces that the qualifying tests for NROTC will be given Saturday, Dec. 8.

Boys who would be interested in

day, Dec. 8.

Boys who would be interested in applying for this should see Dr. Sager at once.

Senior Leaders Register for Final Year's Work

Mr. Cooper Joins

M.B.A. Faculty

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Teaching the classes formerly taught by Mr. Wise, who has resigned to head a new department at the Commerce Union Bank, is Mr. John K. Cooper, a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Nank Mr. John Cooper, a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Nank Gegrees from Western Kentucky State Teachers College, and the University of Kentucky, B.A. and M.A., respectively. He has done some additional graduate work at Columbia University in New York. Mr. Cooper's teaching experiments of the Cooper's teaching toward notice that the Cooper's teaching to the Cooper's teaching in the Davidson County and the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward another state champles that the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward another state champles to the Cooper's teaching toward notice that the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward another state champles that the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper's teaching toward another state champles that the Cooper's teaching toward notice the Cooper

urer of his fraternity and a mem-ber of Totomo. He will be work-ing as assistant editor of the Bell Ringer and holding his 90+

John Murphy, alternate captain of the Maroons, is finding time this year to be president of St. Henry's C.Y.O. and to be sergeant-at-arms of his fraternity. As he registers this week, he will start off a rather busy year.

M.B.A. Calendar Record Enrollment Reached This Year

The year 1956-57 will show a record enrollment at M.B.A. As school opens Tuesday, September 4, 236 boys will sign the historic register of Tennessee's oldest prep school. The Freshman class alone will add 63 new boys to the school. (The largest class on record entered the school in 1952 with 64 boys.)

largest graduating class in a dec-ade.

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"There has been in the past few years an awakening on the part of the general public to the advantages of private and preparatory school training," Chancellor Harvey Branscomb of Vanderbilt University said recently.

Not only in the South, but in the entire United States the wait-ing lists of private institutions of learning are growing steadily despite the limited capacity of

Ladies' Auxiliary Announces Plans

Mrs. J. V. Blevins, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of M.B.A. has announced the date of the first meeting for the 1956-57 school year. It will be held in the school at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, Septem-ber 17.

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Mrs. E. C. Duke, program chairman, states that the theme for the year will be "What We Think About Boys." At the first meeting the viewpoint of an educator will be presented by Dr. R. O. Beauchamp of Peabody College.

Subsequent meetings will present the viewpoints of a mother, a father, and the boys themselves.

A fine corps of officers for the Auxiliary has been selected to head this year's work and they confidently anticipate a great year of service to the school.

The Sophomore class will gain seven new faces and the Junior class one. The Seniors will lose one of their 45 nevertheless, which will cut them short of being the largest graduating class in a decade.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mason Houghland, Ralph Chandler, David Patterson, Bil Cate, John Marshall, Ames Davis, Wilson Wattenbarger, John Myhr, Kit Wharton, Orville White III, Meredith Caldwell III, George Huntley, Roy Acuff, Chas, Ran-som, Jr., Cam McCoy, Phillip Hen-drickson.

som, Jr., Cam McCoy, Phillip Hendrickson.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dick Barry, Mike Thompson, Douglass Love, Alex Palmer, Leighton Carmichael, Sam Glasgow, Weldon White, Joe Howell, Bobby Wood, Russell Hart, Lewis Dale, Bandy Wenning, Bobby Frist, Tony Scoville, Mike Pemberton, John Witherspoon, Allen Wallace, Jack McClelland, Buddy Cafferky, Chris Cockrill, Jud Harwood, Bucky Friar, Mike Sheffey, American Control of the Company of t



Football Season Begins

Maroon Highlights

BE AT EVERY GAN

by Squid Reed

by Squid Reed

The M.B.A. Maroons open defense of their state title tomorrow
night at Frank Andrews Fleid
against the Grey Eagles of East
High. Coach Hillary Martin's
Eagles chances of an upset were
considerably dampened by the
loss of track star Travis Hufflines
because of a thigh injury sustained
in early drills.

East will play the spoiler's role
in the race for the AAA crown.
Eacuse of a new NIL rule, the
Eagles are not eligible to take the
title since their schedule does not
include all the other teams in
class AAA. However East will
be improved over last year's team
which was trounced by the Big
Red B.S.

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which was trounced by the Big Red 33-6.

M.B.A. and Litton again? The race for laurels in the NIL ap-pears to be a fight between the Maroons and the Lions from Lit-ton for the third straight year with monstrous Goodlettsville having a fighting chance.

The NIL coaches have picked Litton as the No. 1 team mainly because of a big and experienced forward wall. Only two of last year's starting line were lost by graduation. The Lion backfield is sparked by Floyd Wallace, possi-bly one of the best backs in the state.

bly one of the best backs in the state.

But the Maroons aren't swallowing any idea of Litton taking the championship trophy. A strong line, consisting of ends David Duke and Tom Husband, tackles Don Brothers and John Murphree, guards Buddy Skinner, Ronnie Grubbs and Wade Elam, and center John Muse will be able to punde the state of the stat

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Coach Owen Lists Roster

Coach Tommy Owen has announced a roster of thirty-five boys who make up the 1956 M.B.A. football team.

E	NDS		
	Class	No.	Wt.
BEARD, Robin	12	82	150
CLAY, John	10	81	180
CHESHIRE, Boyer	12	85	151
DUKE, David		83	167
HOFFER, Carl		84	156
HUSBAND, Tom		80	190
THURMAN, Jim	12	87	155
WOODWARD, Jim	11	86	155
TAC	CKLES		
BARR, Bill		73	180
BROTHERS, Don		72	173
FRANKLIN, John		74	185
HUSBAND, Dick	10	71	200
MURPHREE, John		70 -	185
WILLIAMS, Dick		73	185
GU	ARDS		
CARPENTER, John	11	63	165
GRUBBS, RONNIE	12	62	165
ELAM, Wade	12	64	165
GRUBBS, Ronnie		62	165
McGUGIN, George	11	65	151
SKINNER, Buddy	12	60	172
GRIFFIN, Whitney	10	61	151
CEN	TERS		330
CLEMENTS, Runcie		52	156
MUSE, John	11	50	235
McKNIGHT, Wirt		51	154
QUART	ERBACKS		
DALE, John		11	154
MURPHREE, Tom		12	151
FOXALL, Buddy	12	10	190
	BACKS		
BRUSH, Tony		44	144
CREAGH, Ed		43	156
DOZIER, Emmett	12	42	140
HUDDLESTON, Clay		24	140
HUNTER, Billy		23	162
RAIFORD, Bobby	10	22	135
	BACKS		
CRAWFORD, Billy		33	175
JEWELL, Steve	110	32	146
WHITE, Ransom	12	34	157

Former Maroon Athlete Returns to Coach J. V.

Bill Brown has taken on the job as M.B.A.'s new Junior Varsity coach. A 1953 graduate of this school, he played J.V. football his freshman year and J.V. basketball his Sophomore year. He also was a fine end on the Varsity squad his sophomore, junior and senior years. Baseball was also one of his sports during his last two years. Bill was a mem-

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Friday Night Maroons to Meet East High Eagles

Friday night, September 7, is the opening of another great season of M.B.A. football. The defending State Champs of Maroonland start their 1956 schedule against the East High Eagles and hope to run their consecutive string of undefeated games to twenty.

Coach Tomny Owen has been working hard to get a football County of the control of the control of the control of the control of the county of the control of

members who have been added as a result of the loss of nine men from last year.

A few injuries plagued the preseason drills, but Coach Owen is confident that the squad is in fine shape and will pull a victory out of the AAA NIL scrap.

Fall Sports Start This Week

The athletic might of Maroon football and tennis squads will be tested this season in a bright array of fall sports activities. The crispness of autumn air, the shouts of cheering sections, and the shouts of cheering sections, and waits players and fans alike as the Big Red rolls its powerful athletic machines onward.

Dominating the sports picture is, of course, the spectacular of the griditon, football. M.B.A. will attempt to hold her prestige as State Champs against a raft of fine NIL grid teams. Bringing both title hopes of the course of the course of the property of the property

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1956 Football Schedule

- I y b Football Sche
 x Sept. 7-East
 x Sept. 14-Goodetsville
 x Sept. 21-Clarksville
 x Sept. 22-Ryan
 Oct. 13-Springfield
 x Oct. 26-DuPont
 x Nov. 2-Hillsbor
 x Conference Games
 * Home Games

Wins 3 Tourneys

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This summer while everyone was working M.B.A. Sophomore, and the summer was busy winning the summer with the summer was busy winning the summer was summer with the summer wind the summer was summer with the summer was sum

Cheerleaders Selected

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The M.B.A. football team has selected the five girl cheerleaders for the football season. Four of for the football season. Four of season and the football season. Four of the football season for the football season for the football season football season football season football season football season football lightfoot, whose enthusiastic mouth of the football football season football lightfoot, whose enthusiastic an outstanding cheerleader. If the entire school will get behind this group and give the grid team a spirited punch, M.B.A. will again as pirited punch, M.B.A. will again as pirited punch, M.B.A. will again as pirited punch, M.B.A. and state honors as an athletic powerhouse.

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toes And rolls in droplets off your

The while you try to watch the

play The droplets on your lashes stay And wait their chance to run in

And wait their chance to run in streams
Down cheek to neck—so cold it seems.

The players stand and shiver there as wind adds to the ley air.
And mud in cakes sticks to their face.

The faithful fans within the stands Have given up warming up their have been within the stands was the seems of the see who achieves the richest blue. face And I in lowly silence sit;
As they sink through the muck To stay at all takes lots of grit.

Sings With Godfrey

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Mrs. J. K. Breast, our Glee Club
director, became a distinguished
personality this past summer. She
and her husband went to New
York about the middle of June
after she accepted an offer to
appear on Arthur Godfrey's Talent
Scouts T.V. show. Her second
place win brought her the opportunity to appear on Godfrey's
Talent
was such a hit that Godfrey asked
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was such a hit that Godfrey
might show. The program consisted mainly of a costume skit entitled "These are the God Old
Days—Ha!" Stars were Pat Boone
the Hilltoppers, and Jeanette
Davis. Mrs. Breast was on stage
for nearly the entire hour.
of June 26, Godfrey asked her if
she would sing two songs at the
testimonial dinner for Senator
Walter George in Washington, D. C.
"When does the plane leave"?

testimonial dinner for Senator Walter George in Washington, D. C.
"When does the plane leave"? Mrs. Breast excitedly bubbled. The dinner, a \$100-a-plate affair, was a singular honor for Mrs. Breast as she afforded the evening's only musical entertainment. Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Kefauver, Sen. Symington, Sen. Smathers (who greatly impressed Mrs. Breast as the deal of the state of t

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Attend Convention

During the summer two M.B.A. boys took an interesting trip to Dallas, Fexas, where the Key Club International held their convenience of the Control of the C The center wonders how to tell This gridiron from the realms of "Venezuela". The backs discover that the ball They're using isn't one at all, But rather is somebody's shoe. "I wonder what depth that guy's sunk to?"

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The colleges where 1956 graduating class will enter this fall are: Robert Hill Adkerson, Vanderbilt; Philip H ow ar d Boy, Duke; Ivan Ellis Brown, Jr., Univ. Duke; Ivan Ellis Brown, Jr., Univ. Duke; Ivan Ellis Brown, Jr., Vanderbilt; Joseph Thompson Dickinson, Jr., Louis, Jr., Vanderbilt; Joseph Thompson Dickinson, Jr., Freshy, Jr. College, Maxton, N.C.; Slayden Diehl, Cornell; Francis Ferdinand Drowota, Ill, Yanderbilt; Homas Fearn Frist, Jr., Vanderbilt; Thomas Fearn Frist, Jr., Vanderbilt; Hompson, Jr., Vanderbilt; Janes Murray Perry, Jr., Vanderbilt; John Calhoun Provine, Harvard; Maryin Wayne Rackard, Univ. Tenn.; John McKain Rolfe, Jr., Vanderbilt; Jesse Quimby Seawell, Ill, Vanderbilt; Jesse Quimby Seawell, Ill, Vanderbilt; William Atkinsön Smith, Jr., Ga. Tech; Richard Alugh Sullivan, Jr., Vanderbilt; John Holland Sutton, Jr., Peabody; Samuel Wallace Vail, Case Institute; Lillard Thompson Walfach Philips Williams, Vanderbilt; Jack Phillips Williams, Vanderbilt; Jack

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My View of Boys' State

by Jodie Walace

To me Boys' State was a resperience like no other. The chance to study and to compete with many of the greatest boys in the state of Tennessee was something I had not planned on.

When I lett for C.H.M.A. at Lebanon, June 11, I knew little about what was going to happen about what was going to happen about was an expendical particular to was a wa

best friends at Boys' State.

I had thought that most of the boys were going to be the studious, non-athletic type and I had looked books and putting on a sophisticated air, but how soon I was in the room on my right was Billy Majors, the brother of "Drum" Majors of U. T. and on my left was Jerry Shattuck, who was voted All East Tennessee in foot-

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